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Rachel Lamp Selected as October Employee of the Month

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Rachel Lamp, Special Projects Coordinator for Institutional Advancement, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for October 2013. A two-time



Lindenwood graduate, Lamp originally joined as an institutional advancement associate in July 2012. Prior to that, she served for two years as an advancement coordinator at Academy of the Sacred Heart elementary school in St. Charles.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood was involved in charitable community events as far back as 1875? There was a benefit concert held Monday, January 25, 1875, to raise money for “the poor of St. Charles.” Tickets were 25 cents.

In her current role, Lamp is responsible for managing, planning, and executing various VIP and donor events, including the Annual Endowment Scholarship Dinner. She also oversees naming opportunities for the St. Charles and Belleville campuses and the nursing school.

Last year, Lamp took over two important events and brought positive results to each. While in charge of the Annual United Way campaign, she and the team were able to double the amount given by faculty and staff, and this year the amount raised also increased. She said she considers the changes made to the Annual Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society Dinner to be her biggest contribution.

“We are now highlighting Lindenwood students more than ever, and we are focusing on the importance of our major donors,” she said.

Susan Mangels, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, praised Lamp’s dedication and enthusiasm.

“Rachel is a can-do engine that pushes forward many events and advancement programs at Lindenwood,” Mangels said. “She is noteworthy for her calm cheerfulness and kindness.”

President James D. Evans specially recognized Lamp’s hard work and diligence during challenging times.

“Despite a serious and painful leg injury, she continued her vital service, making a point to be present at the Lou Brock Golf Tournament, Homecoming, and the Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society Dinner,” Evans said. “For that kind of selfless dedication, she deserves the honor.”

Lamp said she was very happy to be selected as employee of the month and to work with people who care about her.

“I feel genuinely excited for my colleagues to have recognized my hard work,” Lamp said. “This truly means a lot to me. Working with my colleagues in this department is wonderful. We work fantastically as a team, and I am grateful to have a team that supports me in what I do.”

Nursing’s Taylor, Mercier Present in New Orleans

Two faculty members of the Lindenwood University School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences delivered presentations at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference in November in New Orleans, La. The theme of the conference was, “Priorities and Strategies for Transforming Nursing Education.”



Jennifer Taylor, PhD, RN, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Nursing Program Director, and Deborah Mercier, RN, MSN, AOCNS, Assistant Professor, delivered both podium and poster presentations.

The podium address was titled, “Stirring Alphabet Soup: Integrating ACA, IOM, and QSEN in a Concept-Based RN-BSN Curriculum.” The topic of the poster presentation was, “Nursing Diagnosis: Tech-Phobia: Using Hybrid Course Delivery to Overcome Technology Anxiety in a RN to BSN Program.”

Peggy Ellis, PhD, BC, FNP, ANP, Dean of the School of Nursing, praised Taylor and Mercier for their contributions to the conference and for promoting Lindenwood.

“Their presentations were about programs that we’ve developed here at Lindenwood, so I think it’s outstanding for them individually and for the school in terms of raising awareness about our programs nationally, she said.”

Dr. Joseph Steineger Defends Dissertation

Joseph Steineger successfully defended his dissertation (“The Naturally Implanted Knowledge of God: John of Damascus and Anselm’s Argument in 13th Century Scholasticism”) on November 21. Dr. Steineger will be joining Lindenwood this spring as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Lindenwood University, replacing Dr. Rachel Douchant, who is heading the SBE’s Liberty &

Ethics Center.

Steineger received a BA (2003) and MA (2005) from the University of Kansas, and a second MA and PhD (2014) from the University of Chicago. His primary research and teaching interests are in philosophy of religion, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind within the context of medieval philosophy. More specifically, these interests include the nature and knowability of a first cause, dualist accounts of mind and reality, and Pyrrhonian meta-philosophical arguments.
